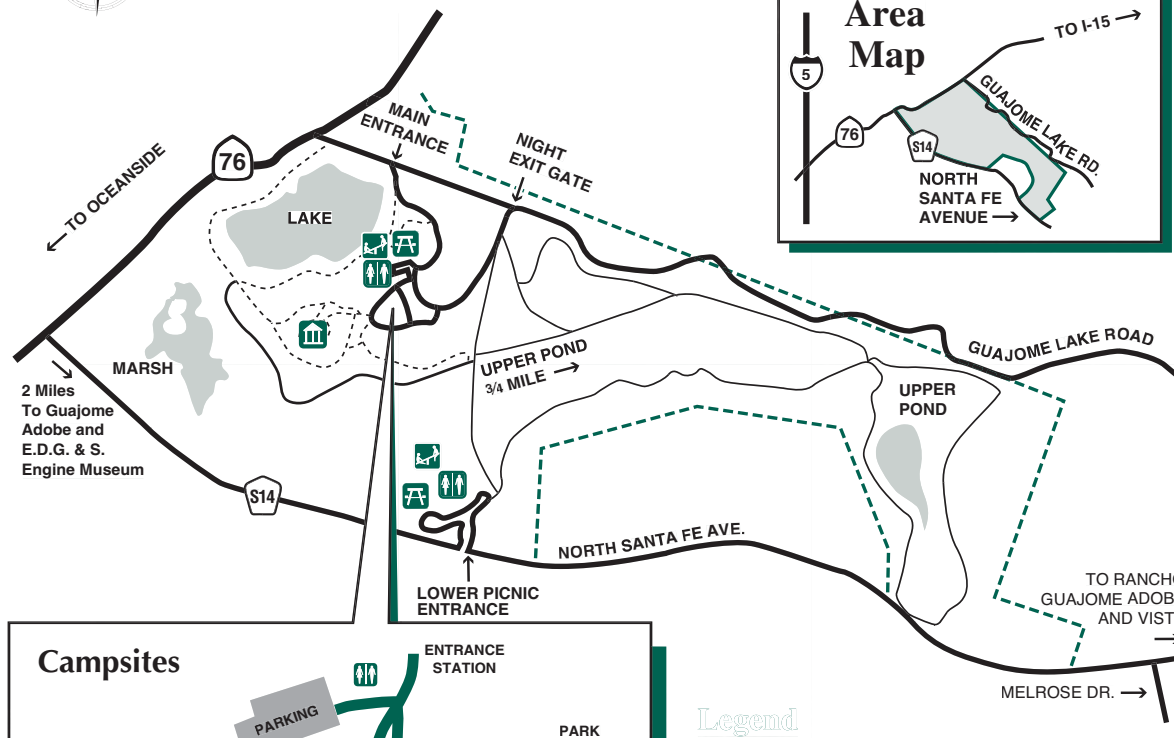
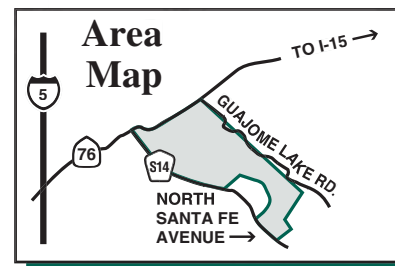
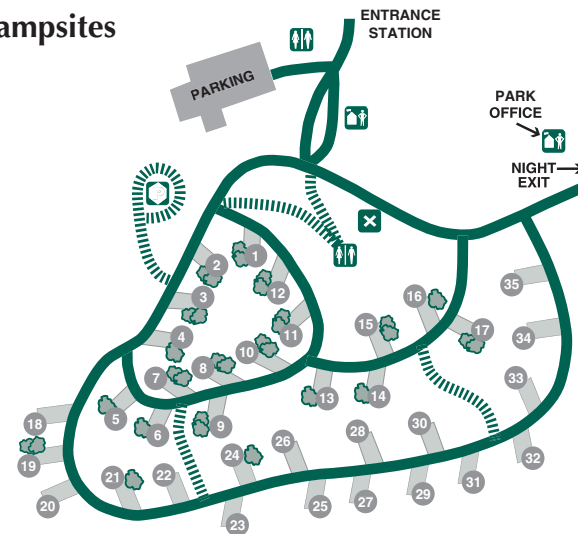




# Guajome Regional Park



## Campsites



### Legend

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| Ranger Station | Partial Hookup Sites (electricity and water) |
| Rest Rooms     | Full Shade                                   |
| Picnic Area    | Partial Shade                                |
| Playground     | Hiking, Equestrian & Biking Trails           |
| Gazebo         | Nature Trail                                 |
| Pavilion       | Hiking & Biking Only                         |
| Dump Station   | Access Path                                  |
|                | Park Boundaries                              |

All campsites limited to one camping unit unless authorized by ranger.

Check in: 2:00 p.m. Check out: 1:00 p.m.  
For detailed site descriptions, go to [www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org)

## RULES & REGULATIONS

- CAMPFIRES:** Must be confined to existing stoves or fire rings. See ranger for current campfire rules.
- PETS:** Pets are permitted if they are properly restrained and under the control of the owner. Dogs must be licensed, restrained on a leash not longer than six feet, and attended at all times.
- WASTE WATER:** Please dispose of all waste water in an approved dump station, never on the ground.
- VEGETATION & NATURAL FEATURES:** All plants, animals, natural features, and archaeological resources are fully protected and may not be damaged, injured, or removed. Please check with your ranger for firewood — he or she generally has a supply to sell for campfires. Please do not gather it from within the park.
- TREES:** Do not tie or hang ropes, wire, or tents to trees. Do not drive nails, screws, or staples into trees.
- GENERATORS:** Use of generators is prohibited.
- NOISE:** To insure each park guest's pleasure and peace, quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Of course, excessive noise and loud music is discouraged at all times.
- FIREARMS & WEAPONS:** Firearms, fireworks, and weapons are not permitted in County Parks.
- YOUTH:** All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legally responsible adult with medical authorization for each child while camping in the park.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages are permitted providing the alcohol content does not exceed 20%.

**NOTE:** Residence in the park is contingent upon guests maintaining their immediate camping area in a safe and clean condition and complying with all park rules. Failure to comply will result in a suspension of camping privileges and loss of prepaid fees.

## RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION



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# Welcome to Guajome Regional Park

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merchant, who gave it to his sister-in-law, Ysidora Bandini, as a wedding gift. Today, the adobe rancho built by Ysidora's husband, Cave Johnson Coutts, stands as one of our best examples of Anglo-Hispanic architecture and has been designated both a State and a National Historic Landmark.

More recent uses of what is now Guajome Regional Park include the terraced areas, old fencing, and established olive and palm trees left behind by a former owner, Jerry Buteyn. His passion for collecting exotic birds nearly turned his property into a small zoo, and the lake and marsh areas were constructed to enhance the appeal of the estate, known as the Buteyn Bird Farm. The Bird Farm had its heyday in the 1950s, but by the early 1970s the County of San Diego purchased the lands to establish the regional park.

## Other Residents

The park is as rich in natural history as it is in human history. Its great diversity of plant life includes one of the finest riparian areas of any County park. Spring-fed lakes and a marsh support yet more water-loving vegetation. The drier portions of the park include open grassland and chaparral.

These habitats are home to a wide variety of wildlife. Guajome is one of the North County's best spots for watching birds; at least 186 species have been seen within its boundaries. Numerous small mammals also live here, including long-tailed weasels and bobcats.

## What to Do

There's as much to do as there is to see at Guajome. Hikers and horseback riders can explore

miles of trails. Shore fishing is available during park hours. Picnickers can choose a lakeside table or one on a grassy hilltop above the lake. One of the most scenic places in San Diego for a wedding ceremony has to be the gazebo; it's a short walk from the parking lot and is reservable up to a year in advance. Campers will find that the enclosed pavilion, overlooking the lake, is a wonderful place to hold group meetings or lunches and dinners. Reservations, for campers only, are required. The historic Rancho Guajome adobe is open for docent-led tours only at posted times. (Call 760-724-4082 for group-tour reservations.) The adjacent Antique Gas and Steam Engine museum, open daily, houses a wide selection of working farm equipment. For those who want to explore



beyond the park's 557 acres, nearby Oceanside offers a city's amenities, as well as great beaches and a fine harbor.

## Facilities

Each of the 33 sites has electrical and water hookups. Hot showers, toilets, fire rings, and a holding tank disposal station make camping stays comfortable.

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Guajome Regional Park offers its visitors a unique blend of history and outdoor experiences. Near one end of the park stands an historic adobe ranch house built in the 1850s. From there the park stretches two miles westward and encompasses some of the most diverse habitats to be found in any County park. You'll enjoy opportunities to hike, bike, picnic, ride horses, fish, and camp. Its mild climate and convenient location, 40 miles north of San Diego, make Guajome an ideal place to visit year round.

## Early Days

There's little doubt that the Native Americans who were Guajome's first inhabitants found the area quite hospitable, since it has always provided plenty of food and shelter. However, all that remains to tell us about their time here are a few archaeological sites and some rock art. We are far more certain about the people who have lived there during the last 200 years. Two Native Americans from the Mission San Luis Rey received the 2200-acre Rancho Guajome as a land grant from the Mexican governor in 1845. They sold it to a Los Angeles

